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TRSE-00 AID-20 OMB-01 L-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10

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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD

DEPT PASS USDOC AND EXIM

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1. EMBASSY AGREES DELEGATION FOR NOVEMBER 20 MEETING  
SHOULD BE SMALL AND TECHNICALLY COMPETENT. IN  
ADDITION, MEMBERS SHOULD PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN

LIBREVILLE CAREFULLY STUDY DOCUMENTS GOG SUBMITTED  
TO AID AND EXIM (REFTEL C). DELEGATION SHOULD NOT  
ONLY BRING ITS OWN COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED CHANGES  
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(IF ANY) TO OCTRA DOCUMENTS BUT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS

CHANGES WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS AT MEETING.

2. EMBASSY FORESEES NO PROBLEM IN HAVING PRIVATE SECTOR ENGINEERS OR QUALIFIED ENGINEERS FROM FIRMS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED BIDS AS MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION THOUGH THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT. OCTRA IS INTERESTED IN COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES DONOR COUNTRIES AND WILL ACCEPT PERSONS NAMED BY USG.

3. GERMAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES STATE THEIR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS NOT YET SELECTED. FRENCH EXPECT THEIR TEAM WILL CONSIST OF TWO FAC OFFICIALS - A FINANCIAL EXPERT AND AN ENGINEER - A SELECTION WE FEEL IS RATIONAL AND APPROPRIATE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND GOG HAS INVITED DELEGATIONS FROM USG, FD, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, CANADA, WEST GERMANY, ITALY, SPAIN, BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND FRANCE TO ATTEND MEETING.

5. TWO AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE APPLIED FOR PRESELECTION STATUS - NELLO TEER AND MORRISON-KNUDSEN. US DELEGATION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ATTEST THAT BOTH MEET OCTRA CRITERION OF EXPERIENCED FIRM LARGE ENOUGH TO CONSTRUCT LEG ONE OF RAILWAY.

6. EMBASSY PUT IN NOVEMBER 7 POUCH ADDRESSED TO COHEN (AF/C) OCTRA FURNISHED DOCUMENTS WHICH LIST SOME FIFTY FIRMS WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR PRESELECTION STATUS.

7. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.  
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